



P&DARCS NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021



Next Club Meeting Postponed until Mid September

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EDITOR'S BIT

Mystery Goggles

Recently got a message from Freddie Webb, one of our senior members

Fred's Daughter Jenifer was clearing out an old shed in her black yard, something to do during recent lockdown, the shed was part of a Nursery some time ago, in a box Jennifer found a pair of old goggles See photo below



Fred would like to find out some details about the goggles, like the age / manufacturer / if they were from one of the Wars / etc

If any of our Members can help Fred identify the goggles and supply some details, he would be delighted, (maybe they are grinding goggles ?)



The mystery goggles, the lenses seem to be mica

Frank McPherson Editor

WHAT'S ON At P&DARCS

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A BIT OF HUMOUR



Sunday November 7th 2021

Field Location; Wenn Rd. Cardinia, (50K East of Melbourne) Vic



All Kit & Scratch Built Scale Aircraft welcome. No ARF's please

Tell your friends to come and see some great model aircraft.

- No documentation required just fly and have fun. Starting 9am.
- Pilots must be MAAA affiliates MAAA cards and Model Permits must be sighted.
- 1,500ft ceiling height enforced.
- Catering is available.
- See web site, <u>www.pdarcs.com.au/scalerally</u>, for information & entry forms.
- Please note; dogs NOT allowed at field, even on a leash.

\$5 per car entry/registration fee for pilots and spectators. Support our Sponsors



Notice of Annual General Meeting Darcsfield Co-operative Limited

The Annual General Meeting of the Darcsfield Co-operative limited will be held following the P&DARCS October club meeting either At Burley Field or by On-line Zoom Meeting subject to Covid restrictions at **on Saturday 2nd October 2021**.

Note: If by Zoom Eligible Voting members will receive a link by email.

Ordinary business of the meeting will be:

- 1. To confirm the minutes of the last AGM
- 2. To receive from the Board, Auditor or any officer of the Society reports upon the transactions of the Co-operative during the financial year including balance sheet, trading account, profit and loss account, statement of cash flows, and the state of affairs at the end of the financial year.
- 3. To elect and confirm the remuneration (if any) of the Directors. Mr D Walsh, Mr A Smallridge and Mr I Chiselett are retiring as directors. Mr D Walsh, Mr A Smallridge and Mr I Chiselett offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations for election as Director to fill these vacancies are to be submitted to the Secretary in writing on the form available at <u>www.pdarcs.com.au/nomination</u>. Forms to be submitted at least 21 days prior to the meeting. (*Rule 41 (3)*) No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

- 4. To appoint an Auditor
- 5. To transact any special business of which notice has been given to members in accordance with the rules.

The rules provide that any member having a resolution to submit to a general meeting "shall give written notice thereof to the Society not less than twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting". Any such notice must be sent to:

The Secretary Darcsfield Co-operative Limited 17 Goulburn Drive Rowville VIC 3178

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

With our 2021 AGM now behind us, I'm very pleased to be part of this new committee moving forward. The logistics behind organizing and fine tuning the online meeting most certainly kept our webmaster busy but the final outcome showed us what a great success it can be. Thanks again Daniel.

With some familiar faces and a few new ones, I'm certain we can steer this fantastic club through a period of camaraderie and enjoyable aero modelling.

Rob has signed off officially from the all-important registrar roll but continues to assist and be actively involved in the handover with Stevie, Daniel, and Peter. Thanks Rob, it appears we cannot get you to stop!

I'm also happy to report a lot of positive feedback so far from members with regard to the new committee and our plans to continue to improve on our club while making progress on work initiated by previous committees.

With our ongoing COVID restrictions hindering most access to the field, there is little to report in the way of flying or club activity but a few things are going on in the background.

Thanks to Norm for the ongoing follow up to the wind damaged shed door as well as Craig for his efforts in sourcing quotes and information about the mower replacement.

Both of these activities are covered in greater detail in the respective reports.

One thing is certain and that is once this bleak period of lockdowns and wintery weather is behind us, the club skies will once again fill with model planes from small to large, slow to fast and everything in between, plus of course the wafting of smoke from the BBQ lunches. Clear skies to all.

Committee Appointed Positions

Want to make a difference to your club? Now that the newly elected committee for P&DARCS is in place, we have a few vacancies for committee appointed roles.

Members are encouraged to put their hand up and get themselves involved in these roles.

You will be invited to the Zoom committee meetings to contribute to discussions and direction for the club, along with a few duties to complete. If you are interested, email the club and we will send out a position description for you to look over. The committee will then appoint the positions in the near future.

* **Chief Flying Instructor**, (to qualify, you must have held an MAAA instructor rating for 3 years prior)

- * Club Captain
- * Social Secretary
- * VMAA Representative.

Keith Quigg President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Minutes of the P&DARCS 2021 Annual General Meeting held on Saturday August 7th 2021 via Zoom

Meeting to open at: 7:05 PM Chair for this meeting: President, Bill Reynolds Members Present on-line: 56 Apologies: Nil Visitors; Nil Minutes of previous General Meeting; Motion that the minutes of the General Meeting held July 3rd

2021 be approved. Moved by Barry Law seconded by Dave Glossop **CARRIED**

Minutes of the 2019-20 AGM; Motion that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 3rd 2020 as published the November 2020 Newsletter and distributed to members be approved. Moved by Simon Ventevogal Seconded by David Glossop **CARRIED**;

Business Arising from Previous AGM Minutes; Nil

Reports

President's Report:

The President thanked the committee for the past years. He noted that the committee is dedicated and good guys. He then read his report;

"As I complete my term as your President this year, there is one item I feel I must set things straight about. No doubt some of you are still wondering over the sudden exit of Paul Somerville at the end of the last meeting.

Now you heard him say, he had received a warning from the club for reporting a safety incident. That is not correct. Item 1 it was not a warning but it was an official reprimand which was issued in June for an email that he sent to the committee which was considered by the committee totally out of order, insulting and declamatory to individual club members and committee members. The e-mail concerned was received after we had advised Paul that we had accepted the Safety Officer's report had found and I quote "Norm Morrish had not been seen to be unsafe with his use of the scissor lift".

Paul has actually received 2 Official Reprimands. The first was in February 2021, for destroying, by cutting them up, without permission two items of club property, namely a tipping trailer and a small water tanker. Both club assets. The second reprimand was stated earlier.

Now both these letters of reprimand contained the following statement "Should you wish to have a meeting with the Club Committee to explain and/or justify your actions then please advise me so that a meeting can be convened at a time convenient to all parties." It should be noted that he did not take up the opportunity to speak with the Committee at any stage on either subject.

At the July Club meeting I considered the statement Paul was making at the meeting was becoming another attack on the committee and on a fellow Club member and as chairman of that meeting I was not prepared to condone this type of conduct so I exercised my authority and closed the meeting to avoid further embarrassment to all present. Paul stormed out, making comments about the committee covering things up and being bullies. There was another item raised which required attention so I then reopened the meeting and the item was dealt with. During this time, Paul returned and interjected throwing his Club keys on the table in front of me and said and I quote "I'm done with this Club". He left. He made no attempt to re-engage with the meeting.

The Club Committee decided to accept Paul's resignation based on his statement "I am done with this club" and the handing in of his Keys. The Secretary advised him in writing of the Committee's decision to accept his resignation and the Committee thanked him for the return of the Club keys and his service to the Club over a number of years.

Shortly after this letter, the Treasurer found that Paul had deposited an amount of money in the bank, in the Club's account. An amount equal to his membership. The Committee decided that as they had accepted his resignation and the required application as a new member had not been received it was therefore it was decided to return his funds. This was done. He has since advised that further action may be taken and there are currently things in motion. He has now asked us if we would consider mediation." The President noted that this was the situation at the moment and he thought the members should know for sure just what happened and why.

He then thanked members for their membership of the club over his term as President..

The President moved that his report be accepted, seconded by Barry Law. **CARRIED**

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary, Ivan Chiselett, advised that his report was published in the Club Newsletter.

The Secretary spoke briefly to his published report. The Secretary moved that his report be approved, seconded by Glen Cosser **CARRIED**

Don Klein thanked the outgoing committee for their service and the great way that they managed the very difficult year.

It was noted that if any member had a question to any report then they were welcome to "raise their electronic hand" and they would be given the opportunity to speak.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer, Peter Harris, noted that the detailed financial statement was circulated to the members via e-mail prior to the meeting. He then provided a detailed explanation of the figures presented.

He advised the meeting that the Financial Report has been audited by Michael Smith.

The Treasurer moved the motion that the audited Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer Peter Harris be accepted. Seconded by Glen Cosser. A Zoom ballot was conducted and the motion was **CARRIED** The Treasurer moved the motion that any two jointly of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Administrator of the PayPal account of P&DARCS are authorised to operate the accounts of the Club.

Seconded Glen Cosser A Zoom ballot was conducted and the motion was **CARRIED**

Registrar's Report:

The Registrar, Rob Till, advised that his report was published in the Newsletter but since that report a couple of members had paid their fees. This meant that the Club had 158 members. Nineteen from last year had not as yet paid their 2001-22 fees. He has written to the 19 advising them that they were no longer members and unless they had paid their MAAA fees with another club they are no longer insured by the MAAA should not use our facilities. He has 2 that replied as they had forgotten. We have had 9 new members pay for their shares and become full members of the club. Also a few new probationary members have already joined this year.

The Registrar noted that he was not continuing with the Club due to his relocation to Canberra. He noted that this was his 18th report and final report as Registrar. He thanked the committee and members for their friendship during his years with the club. He noted that he had worked with Peter Harris for 24 years on the committee.

Rob moved that his report be accepted, seconded by Alex Subotsch **CARRIED**

The President thanked Rob for his exceptional service to the club over his many years with us.

Field Manager's Report:

The field was in great shape and lots of work had been done during the year. This included induction courses for mower men, rolling of runways, drains cleaned, trees pruned, general clean up working bees, mulch placed around the club house and general work as required. He noted that the small mower would need replacing very soon.

Facilities Manager's Report:

A lot of jobs done around the field including, removing trip hazard under the hay shed, installing new carbon filter in the water supply. Recently the big shed doors were destroyed by a storm. These are now in the process of insurance assessors. The shed has been rendered safe but members asked to stay away from it. He is currently working with Dave Walsh n the insurance claim.

Safety Officer's Report:

General safety matters during the year and still some loose ends to clean up.

Editor's Report;

Would like members to submit photos and reports.

Webmaster's Report:

Strange year due to virus and the restricted face to face meetings requiring a good deal of planning so that Zoom meeting could be held. He noted that the committee had not met face to face since April 2020. He noted that he had upgraded the web camera software and thanked Frank McPherson, Peter Hill & Peter Harris for assisting him installing the new web cameras.

He noted that he has got the club access to the Microsoft Non Profit System which will enable the club to use Microsoft services to store all our minutes etc electronically.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

Social Secretary's Report:

Been very quiet due to the virus situation. Has assisted Frank in redoing the Club's First Aid box.

Club Captain's Report:

The Club won the VMAA Trophy again, the fourth time in a row. The event was held at the NFG field. It was a very close battle with us winning due to us having several juniors in the team. Thanked all those that assisted the team and attended the event. It is hoped that the Trophy will be held at our field next year.

General Business

No items of General Business were received with the required notice.

The President advised that he was stepping down from the chair and handing over to **Greg Lepp to conduct the** election of Office Bearers. He asked that non Full Members please "drop off" the meeting as only Full Members are entitled to vote.

The webmaster confirmed that only Full Members remained online.

Election of Office bearers.

Details of how the election of office bearers has been sent to members prior to this meeting.

The Secretary advised that he had received the following nominations, as shown in the table below

Position	Name	Nominated by	Seconded By
President	Keith Quigg	Norm Morrish	Glen Cosser
Vice President	Neil Addicott	Keith Quigg	Ivan Chiselett
	Don White	Barry Law	Peter Harris
Secretary	Ivan Chiselett	Daniel Jenkins	Keith Quigg
Treasurer	Peter Harris	Ivan Chiselett	Barry Law
Registrar	Steve Malcman	Keith Quigg	Ivan Chiselett
Field Manager	Craig Fitzsimons	Michael Smith	Brian Evans
Facilities Manager	Norm Morrish	Peter Harris	Daniel Jenkins
Safety Officer	Glen Cosser	Norm Morrish	Keith Quigg
Editor	Frank McPherson	Daniel Jenkins	Norm Morrish
Web Manager	Daniel Jenkins	Andrew Mysliborski	Norm Morrish
Ordinary Member	David Law	Keith Quigg	Ivan Chiselett

Election of President.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received.

He then declared that as Keith Quigg was the only candidate he was duly elected President.

Election of Vice President.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received.

He then noted that there were two candidates and an election was required.

The Chair invited each nominee to speak for 2 minutes.

Both nominees accepted the invitation and spoke to the meeting.

A secret "Zoom" ballot was then conducted and the Chairman declared the result that Neil Addicott was elected Vice President.

Election of Secretary.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received.

He then declared that as Ivan Chiselett was the only candidate he was duly elected Secretary.

Election of Treasurer.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received.

He then declared that as Peter Harris was the only candidate he was duly elected Treasurer.

Election of Registrar.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received. He then declared that as Steve Malcman was the only candidate he was duly elected Registrar.

Election of Field Manager.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received. He then declared that as Craig Fitzsimons was the only candidate he was duly elected Field Manager.

Election of Facilities Manager.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received. He then declared that as Norm Morrish was the only candidate he was duly elected Facilities Manager.

Election of Safety Officer.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received. He then declared that as Glen Cosser was the only candidate he was duly elected Safety Officer.

Election of Web Manager.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. None were advised. He then declared that as Daniel Jenkins was the only candidate he was duly elected Web Manager. **Election of Editor.**

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received. He then declared that as Frank McPherson was the only candidate he was duly elected Editor.

Election of Ordinary Member.

The Chairman asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. The Secretary advised that none were received. He then declared that as David Law was the only candidate he was duly elected Ordinary Member.

The results of the election were as follows.

Position	Name	
President	Keith Quigg	
Vice President	Neil Addicott	
Secretary	Ivan Chiselett	
Treasurer	Peter Harris	
Registrar	Steve Malcman	
Field Manager	Craig Fitzsimons	
Facilities Manager	Norm Morrish	
Safety Officer	Glen Cosser	
Editor	Frank McPherson	
Web Manager	Daniel Jenkins	
Ordinary Member	David Law	

Prior to closing, add the newly elected President, Keith Quigg thanked the outgoing Committee for their work and then the chairman closed the meeting. **Meeting Closed 8:10pm.**

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

August 2021 Committee Meeting Summary

* The Club's committee met for the eighth time in 2021 on Thursday night August 19th via Zoom. Some of the items considered are noted below;

* Due to the COVID restrictions currently in place several projects have been delayed.

* The changes to the COVID restrictions to be continue to be monitored to ensure the club conforms.

Two new member applications have been received. Four new members were voted to be admitted as Probationary Members.

* A sample of a possible Pilot Barrier Fence is still in place and investigations are continuing on the best way to install it.

* The Field Manager recommended the purchase of a new Husqvarna TS354 Mower to replace the old John Deere. The committee accepted his recommendation and a motion to purchase the mower will be put at the next General Meeting of the Club.

* The Committee agreed to the terms of the VMAA Loan and will submit signed forms.

* The Club's annual report to Consumer Affairs has been submitted and accepted.

* Maintenance issues are accumulating and it is proposed to have a working bee to catch up on these once the Covid retractions allow.

* We are still liaising with the insurance company to get the shed doors repaired.

* The Club has obtained an ABN.

The Web Manager was successful in obtaining access to Microsoft's Voluntary systems for on line storage of files. The Web Manager has prepared a Club off line storage system which the Committee adopted and will introduce soon.

Ivan Chiselett Secretary

FIELD MANAGERS REPORT

After ten years of service, the club's John Deere mower is failing. The engine is currently using around 200 mL of oil each time we mow and traces of metal particles have now been found in the spark plug.

In the opinion of the John Deere serviceman, it is not cost effective to repair the engine. The engine is a single cylinder, high compression type of which Norm Morrish has

experienced similar problems with his. With the spring season rapidly approaching and the coming need to mow probably every four or five days, I am seeking approval for funds to replace this machine as soon as possible.

Following some research and costings, I made the following recommendation to the Committee:

A 54-inch Husqvarna, model TS 354 priced at \$6639.20 (inclusive of GST) from the Red Shed in Pakenham. These units are in stock and available. Second quote from Top Notch Mowers for this model is priced at \$8599.00 (inclusive of GST).



This mower is a conventional ride on, not zero steer. It is equipped with a twin cylinder engine and a fabricated mower deck as opposed to a pressed steel deck. Our existing John Deere mower utilizes a pressed steel deck and the deck support brackets have failed twice on it. The existing mower has a 42-inch cutting deck. The new mower has a larger cut size (54 inch) that will greatly reduce the cutting time for the mower crews and also the hours the machine is running. The larger cut will also make this ride on much better to use on our runways when they are too soft for our heavier front deck mower.

The Husqvarna mower have the option of an extended warranty from 2 years to 5 years by purchasing the recommend oil at the time of purchase which the club will do. Servicing under warranty is undertaken at the place of purchase. The Committee have accepted the recommendation of the Field Manager to purchase a 54" Husqvarna mower with the 5 year warranty extension & make the following motion to the Club.

Notice of Motion to the Club Members

Motion that Committee proceed with the purchase the 54" Husqvarna mower for \$6639.20 from Red Shed

Craig Fitzsimons Field Manager

WEBMASTERS REPORT

The Microsoft Cooperation have an offering available for not for profit organizations to allow them access to a some Microsoft Software & Services for free. I decided to bite the bullet and apply on behalf of P&DARCS to see if we could get access. Happily, after a lot of back & forth the application was successful. This gives us access to a huge number of services, but the main ones I plan on starting with is OneDrive for Business, Power Apps & we also have a limited number of free licences to Microsoft Office.

P&DARCS generates a lot of paperwork: think agenda, minutes, member lists, copies of applications, constitution, rules, corporate documents, images like logo's etc & sometimes it's hard to work out which current or past Committee member have what documents.

For example, to apply for the Microsoft non Profit services I had to provide a copy of P&DARCS certificate of incorporation.

This was done 20+ years ago, so who had this was anyone's guess.

Another issue is, are those important documents safe, are they backed up. A Central repository would fix this. Now that our application has been approved I am in the process of setting up OneDrive is to allow us access to central repository for Committee Members to access & share documents. I've started setting up access & transferring documents in.

Over the next few month's we will look at other services we now have access to & decide if we wish to use them.

Daniel Jenkins Webmaster

FACILITIES MANAGERS REPORT

Hello members I hope you and your family are staying Covid safe and handling the lockdowns.

I have fitted a larger and more effective carbon activated filter to our drinking water supply line that feeds our kitchen and wash basins in the toilet block.

I have bought a new vanity top for the men's toilet wash area and this will be fitted as soon as we can return to the club.

A few weeks ago, our neighbor at the end of Fowler rang me to advise that the sliding doors on the new shed were open.

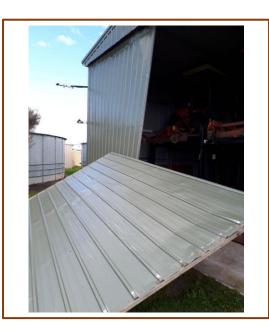
Craig and I went to check it out and we could not believe the damage the violent winds had done to the 3 large sliding doors. It had forced them off their guide rails and lifted them vertically up, damaging the doors and the fascia panel above the doors. One door was blown completely off and was found on our drive towards the old shed.

The middle door was also blown off but hanging onto the remaining door by a padlock. The pictures tell the story.

Photos were taken and sent to Dave Walsh to raise an insurance claim on behalf of the Coop.

A working bee was organized to make the new shed and machinery safe and secure.

We will keep you posted on the Insurance repair progress.





Norm Morrish Facilities Manager

REGISTRAR'S REPORT _ SEPTEMBER 2021

Greetings members,

For those that were not present at the AGM, I have taken over from Rob Till as your club registrar and this is my first update since taking over the role. I would like to thank Rob for all the years he has served on the committee and most importantly for assisting me with taking over the role.

As I am still learning the role, please be patient and I will endeavour to process club membership applications and renewals in a timely manner.

New Member Applications This Month

Craig Baverey, Berwick – Probationary member **Ian Slack**, Alphington – Probationary member

Any objections to these member applications may be raised by sending in an official objection in writing to the Secretary. Note that only <u>FULL</u> members have the right to raise an objection.

Membership Renewals

If you have not already paid your membership fee, then you are now un-financial and uninsured. If you have not received your membership renewal, then please email me and I will send another form to you.

For any members that have recently paid their membership, I will send your card/s out once Peter (club treasurer) has processed your payment.

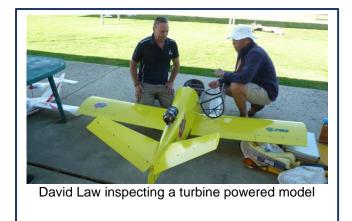
Please remember to send the forms back to the club *even* if you pay by EFT *and* include your name on EFT payments so that we can actually trace who sent us the money.

Membership statistics

	Paid 21-22	Unpaid	Last Year
Associate	16	5	19
Full	107	5	100
Honorary	0	0	2
Junior	6	2	6
Life	3	0	3
Non-flying Full	0	0	0
Pensioner	16	4	22
Probationary	8	0	18
Prospective	5	0	0
Student	0	0	0
Spouse	1	0	1
TOTAL	162	16	171

Steve Malcman Registrar registrar@pdarcs.com.au Mobile 0410 464 186

From Our Flying Field March 2021











P&DARCS CALENDAR FOR 2021

September

04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Club Meeting</u> (POSTPONED) 23 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm <u>Committee Meeting</u>

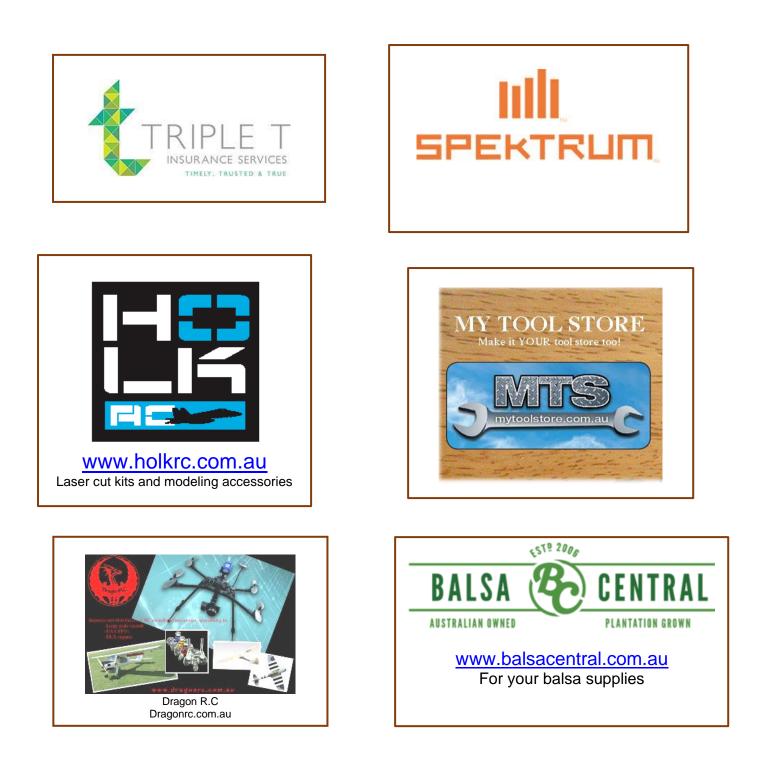
October

02 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Club Meeting & Coop AGM</u> 21 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm <u>Committee Meeting</u>

November

06 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm <u>Club Meeting</u> 07 (Sun) <u>P&DARCS Scratch / Kit Built Scale Rally</u> Field Open: No 18 (Thu) 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm <u>Committee Meeting</u>

December 04 (Sat) 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm Club Meeting



Next Club Meeting, Postponed Until Mid September